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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James K. Falbo et al.  
Assignee: Numerical Technologies, Inc.  
Title: SHAPE-BASED GEOMETRY ENGINE TO PERFORM SMOOTHING  
AND OTHER LAYOUT BEAUTIFICATION OPERATIONS  
Serial No.: 10/040,055 File Date: December 31, 2001  
Examiner: Yelena Rossoshek Art Unit: 2825  
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated  
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